

# SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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## MOHAMMED ABBAS EXTRADITION/Passage

**SUBJECT:** A resolution urging the extradition to the United States of Mohammed Abbas . . . S. Res. 253. Passage.

### ACTION: RESOLUTION AGREED TO, 99-0

**SYNOPSIS:** As passed, S. Res. 253 will urge the appropriate foreign government to detain and extradite Mohammed Abbas for the murder of Leon Klinghoffer. In 1986, Mohammed Abbas planned, trained, and financed the seizure by Palestinian Liberation Front terrorists of the Achille Lauro cruise ship. After the ship was seized, the terrorists executed an unarmed, 70-year-old passenger in a wheelchair who was a Jewish-American citizen, and then threw his body overboard.

**Those favoring** passage contended:

Ten years have passed since the brutal murder of Leon Klinghoffer by Arab terrorists. Mohammed Abbas, otherwise known as Abu Abbas, was the leader of the Palestinian Liberation Front, which committed the murder after it seized the Achille Lauro cruise ship in a terrorist attack. Due to his role in masterminding the attack, Abbas was tried and convicted in absentia by an Italian court for the murder of Mr. Klinghoffer. Abu Abbas has yet to be brought to justice, however. Just last week, he surfaced in Gaza for a meeting of the Palestine National Council, at which he was quoted as saying that Mr. Klinghoffer was killed because he "had started to incite the passengers" against the terrorists and that his killing was a "mistake." We are disgusted by those statements. It is a sick lie to say that a 70-year-old, unarmed man in a wheelchair posed a threat to heavily armed terrorists, and Mr. Klinghoffer's murder was much more than a "mistake." It was an evil crime against an American citizen that must be punished. We therefore strongly support this resolution to urge the United States Government to seek the detention and extradition of Mohammed Abbas.

**No arguments were expressed in opposition to passage.**

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YEAS (99)				NAYS (0)		NOT VOTING (1)	
Republican (52 or 100%)		Democrats (47 or 100%)		Republicans (0 or 0%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (1)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Helms	Akaka	Inouye			Thompson- <sup>2</sup>	
Ashcroft	Hutchison	Baucus	Johnston				
Bennett	Inhofe	Biden	Kennedy				
Bond	Jeffords	Bingaman	Kerrey				
Brown	Kassebaum	Boxer	Kerry				
Burns	Kempthorne	Bradley	Kohl				
Campbell	Kyl	Breaux	Lautenberg				
Chafee	Lott	Bryan	Leahy				
Coats	Lugar	Bumpers	Levin				
Cochran	Mack	Byrd	Lieberman				
Cohen	McCain	Conrad	Mikulski				
Coverdell	McConnell	Daschle	Moseley-Braun				
Craig	Murkowski	Dodd	Moynihan				
D'Amato	Nickles	Dorgan	Murray				
DeWine	Pressler	Exon	Nunn				
Dole	Roth	Feingold	Pell				
Domenici	Santorum	Feinstein	Pryor			<b>EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:</b> 1—Official Business 2—Necessarily Absent 3—Illness 4—Other	
Faircloth	Shelby	Ford	Reid				
Frist	Simpson	Glenn	Robb				
Gorton	Smith	Graham	Rockefeller				
Gramm	Snowe	Harkin	Sarbanes			<b>SYMBOLS:</b> AY—Announced Yea AN—Announced Nay PY—Paired Yea PN—Paired Nay	
Grams	Specter	Heflin	Simon				
Grassley	Stevens	Hollings	Wellstone				
Gregg	Thomas		Wyden				
Hatch	Thurmond						
Hatfield	Warner						

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